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DISTRICT COURT PAUL S. CARROLL, JUDGE MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. February 1, 1957. Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates, USN., Naval War College,

Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Admiral Bates:

On June 22, 1956, I wrote you about the flags of the Cruiser Minneapolis. You wrote me on June 27 that you might be out in California last July and that you would try to let me know about these flags.

We really are very anxious to get them. The present President of the ${\rm N}{\rm avy}$ League is also President of the Historical Society. I have told him about this, and every time he sees me he reminds me of it.

Is it possible for us to get them? I would appreciate hearing from you. I hope you are well and happy in your work. It was certainly tragic to lose Admiral McCormick.

Very sincerely yours,

Bouls Carol

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IN REPLY REFER TO

6 February 1957

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret.) U. S. Naval War College Newport, Rhode Island

My dear Admiral:

Thank you very much for your recent note and rest assured that the sentiments conveyed in the card were quite sincere. While we have a small home, it is one in which you will be welcome always.

I appreciate more than you know the warmth of your own message, as does MaryAnn.

We do miss attending the bingo games but being a Scotsman, I am delighted to report that I feel much richer here than I did while attending the weekly games.

If it is convenient to you, I would appreciate very much getting your personal reaction to the address delivered Tuesday by Admiral Taylor to the students of the Naval War College. I did not write the speech, but I had a chance to talk to him briefly the day before he left as to the type of approach that he should make to the students in his presentation. It is my hope that the address will merit his appearance at the National War College and at the Army War College at some future date. Of course, this is in the laps of the gods, but from the Navy standpoint, I would like very much to see him make a presentation on public relations at these institutions as well at the Naval War College.

Personal regards to you and others of my friends at the War College.

Sincerely and very respectfully,

E. M. Collison

Ong Bright.



THE ATLANTIC COMMAND

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UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET

U.S. Naval Base Norfolk, Virginia 24 February 1957

Dear Rafe:

In my travels about the Globe I ran into a New Zealand ex-naval officer keenly interested in the Battle For Leyte Gulf.

I told him of your great work on it and he was keenly interested in receiving a copy. Is it unclassified and could you send me one.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Commodore R.W. Bates, USN Staff, Naval War College Newport, R. I.

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DISTRICT COURT Paul S. CARROLL, JUDGE MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. March 11, 1957. Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN, Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. Dear Admiral Bates: After receiving your letter of February 15 I wrote to General Salzman and the two other persons involved out here, to-wit, the Mayor and the President of the Navy League, enclosing a copy of your letter. There has been some delay in hearing from these people because one of them was out of the city. I am now in a position to answer your letter. First of all, I want to thank you most sincerely for your very kind offer. We will accept the flags and treat them with the regard with which they should be treated. If you would send them to me together with the cards which you suggested you would do, I would appreciate it very much. Any expenses connected with this we will be glad to pay at this end of the line if you will just let us know how much it is. I hope you will find it possible to visit us out here, and perhaps something could be worked out to have you make these presentations. Thank you very much, and I will look forward to receiving the flags. Very sincerely yours, Jarl-lonel

U. S. NAVAL AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE TRAINING CENTER 1805 YALE BOULEVARD, SE ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO VIA AIR MAIL NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS' SCHOOL 8-6 14 March 1957 NROS 8-6 COMMODORE R. W. BATES, USN 103-57 Naval War College New Port, R. I. My Dear COMMODORE BATES: Thank you for your very thoughtful letter of 11 February. We are sorry you could not visit our area and attend our graduation ceremony. Perhaps you can visit our school sometime during Fiscal '58. If your schedule should permit this, please do hesitate to let us know, as it is our intention that the invitation already extended be an automatic, standing affair. For our graduation ceremonies on 13 June 1957, we have been fortunate to arrange with the Commander, Naval Reserve Training Command, Omaha, to have CAPT Floyd T. THOMPSON, the Director of Schools and Special Programs Department, represent the Command and give the graduation address. I have permission from CAPT R. D. HARWOOD, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Naval Reserve at COMEIGHT, to write you direct in regard to a problem on the Naval War College Lecture Team Program. For our publicity on the lectures, we would like to suggest two pictures be taken: An action picture of CDR TOLIAVAISA and CDR KREITZER talking to each other as they stand by world globe in Mahan Library. An action picture of CDR SMITH and CDR GOETTER talking to each other as they look down on some ship model (preferably a model of the NAUTILUS) in one of the passageways at the Naval War College. These pictures would be well received by the Albuquerque Papers, and I'm sure would be of value in publicizing the lectures at other cities on the itinerary. If at all possible, could you please arrange to have the above pictures or similar poses taken? If we would have 8" x 10" glossy prints sent air mail to arrive here on or before Friday, 22 March, we could have lead stories in the Sunday, 24 March papers. In the event my request is in order, please have the pictures sent to my attention at the University of New Mexico to expedite delivery. Please also tell the team members we have tentatively planned a trip to Los Alamos on Friday, 29 March via Santo Domingo Pueblo and Santa Fe. Also, we have a No Host Happy Hour and Buffet scheduled at 1730 at the Officers Club, Kirtland AFB, on 28 March. This will enable the composite group that will attend the lectures to get better acquainted. And finally, in the event the team arrives early enough on the 27th, the Faculty and Staff of NROS 8-6 would like them to be their guests to a Mexican dinner at the La Hacienda in Old Albuquerque. For this reason, and provided the above arrangements are agreeable to all concerned, I would appreciate knowing the team's ETA. Thanking you again for all your interest and help, I remain, Very respectfully yours. CC: CAPT R. D. HARWOOD, USN All team members



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April 15, 1957

Dear Admiral Bates:

Your letter of March 22 has been received.

In searching for the quotation attributed to Napoleon "Give me a lucky general," the concept of luck was not overlooked as the term, itself, was used as an aid in the attempt to ferret out the quotation.

We agree that a search of the Napoleonic correspondence and memoirs could prove fruitful in the search for an expression by Napoleon giving weight to "luck" in warfare. In view of the fact that the larger, and most complete, of these collections are not indexed, the task of carrying out such a search would be beyond the limits dictated by our manpower and time.

We do know of staff members who are willing, on their own time, to carry on special research projects. The usual fee chargedby them is three dollars an hour. We shall be happy to send you their names upon your requesting us to do so.

Of interest to you might be a statement found in Rear Admiral Daniel V. Gallery's <u>Twenty Million Tons under the Sea</u> (Chicago, Henry Regnery Company, 1956) p. 176: "Napoleon is alleged to have sacked a Marshal of France with an outstanding professional reputation simply because he always had bad luck."

Very truly yours,

Hanry J. Dubster
Henry J. Dubester

Chief

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Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.) U. S. Naval War College Newport, Rhode Island





DISTRICT COURT
Paul S. Carroll, Judge

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. May 14, 1957.

Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.) U. S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Admiral Bates:

Annually here in Minneapolis we have what we call our Aquatennial. It is a week of celebrating and parades and water shows. It has always been very well handled, and most of it is a very beautiful show.

On July 20 there will be a daylight parade which really is a magnificent thing. I am authorized by the Aquatennial, and you will also receive a letter from Mr. Erickson of that organization, to invite you to be Grand Marshall of that parade, and probably also, although this is not worked out in detail yet, to have you present the flags of the Cruiser Minneapolis at a large luncheon here in the City. If you would possibly be available at that time phease let me know as soon as you can. The details can be worked out later.

With kindest personal regards, and hoping to see you here in Minneapolis, I am

Sincerely yours,

enls. Carroll

11/4 1957

Dear Admiral Bates, It was a very pleasant surprise to receive the waval war college tie as a present of you. I will treasure it as an souvenir of a most memorable period and of the privilege of having met you. I thank you for this very kind gift. With best wishes, Very respectfully your Helahel Captain Royal Watherland Navy

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June 11, 1957

Rear Admiral R W Bates, USN Naval War College Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates

We are delighted that you will be with us as our Grand Marshal for our Grande Day Parade on Saturday, July 20. Both our President, F W Mitchell, and our Commodore, Wayne Field, join with me in expressing our thanks for your acceptance.

I will be making arrangements for transportation with Captain Frank Gill, commanding officer of the Naval Air Station, within the next few days and will advise you as soon as possible.

We will also attempt to schedule the presentation of the battle flags of the cruiser "Minneapolis" at our Legislators Day luncheon following the parade.

We have set up the following tentative itinerary, which, I hope, will meet with your approval.

Friday, July 19 Afternoon arrival at Wold-Chamberlain airport. Proceed to quarters at Hotel Leamington.

Guest of honor at Queen's Review banquet.

Saturday, July 20 -Report to Parade Stadium at 8:30 am. Serve as Grand Marshal of Day Parade.

> Proceed to Legislators Day luncheon for presentation of battle flags to city officials.

Afternoon reserved for your pleasure.

Evening entertainment to be planned.

Sunday, July 21 - Departure at your convenience.

JULY 19 TO 28 · 1957







Rear Admiral R W Bates, USN June 11, 1957

We would greatly appreciate receiving, as quickly as possible, both black and white pictures and color transparencies of yourself for use in publicity -- along with a personal history form. If you would supply as much information as possible about your duty with the "Minneapolis" and the action she saw in the Pacific, this would be especially helpful. Perhaps the public information officer of the War College could help in preparation of this material.

I shall be writing again with more information within a few days. If you have any questions or comments, please forward them.

I am enclosing some information regarding Aquatennial which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely

Roy K Erickson

Executive Secretary

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DISTRICT COURT Paul S. Carroll, Judge MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. June 12, 1957. Admiral R. W. Bates, USN, Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. Dear Admiral Bates: I was certainly pleased to receive your letter consenting to act as Grand Marshal for the parade. I trust this will include the bringing of the flags of the MINNEAPOLIS etc. The details of the planning I am leaving to Mr. Erickson, but you may rest assured that I shall be glad to see you on your arrival. Sincerely yours, Zoul S. Carrell







COMMANDING OFFICER MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

June 14, 1957

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret) U. S. Naval War College Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

The Aquatennial Committee has solicited my assistance in providing air transportation for your forthcoming visit to the Twin Cities.

I will be happy to approve a cross country training flight at your convenience. For planning purpose, it would be appreciated if I could be informed of the time, date and location that you desire to be picked up and returned.

B.O.Q. facilities will be made available aboard the Naval Air Station for your occupancy if you so desire.

I am sure you will find your visit to the Twin ^Cities area and the Aquatennial celebration enjoyable and entertaining.

Sincerely yours,

F. F. GILL Captain, U.S. Navy

JAZ/mlw

17 June 1957

Dear Rafe:

Yours of 14 June at hand.

By all means you should go to Minneapolis as a Rear Admiral, USN(Retired).

Let this letter be your authorization. As I understand, you are on active duty as a Commodore but have the rank of Rear Admiral when you go on the retired inactive list.

With warmest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

J/L. HOLLOWAY, Jr., yice Admiral, U.S. Navy.

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN(Ret.), U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

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June 25, 1957

Rear Admiral R W Bates Naval War College Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates

Many thanks for your letter and biographical material. The pictures you mention should be of real help to us. Could I also suggest that you send along what is commonly called a "head and shoulders" picture of yourself.

Although I hesitate to raise the point, I feel that we should appraise you of the fact that we contacted Captain Gill for assistance in air travel because we have no funds in our Aquatennial budget for commercial air travel.

In answer to your questions, the following information may be helpful.

The Queen's Review banquet on Friday, July 19 is basically a party for our Aquatennial volunteers. Last year, Vice Admiral Austin Doyle, Captain Gill and Commander Olson were with us at this function, which is essentially social. You will be called on, I'm sure, for only a few remarks at this event.

At the Legislators' Day luncheon on Saturday, July 20, the presentation and any remarks you care to make would not take more than 10 to 15 minutes, according to the chairman. In line with your desire to hold preparation to a minimum, I'm sure this comes as good news.

We look forward to meeting you. If you will advise us of arrival time, we will be on hand to greet you.

Sincerely

Roy K Erickson

Executive Secretary

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25 JUN 1957

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USH (Ret) U. S. Maval War College Hewport, Mhode Esland

Bear Boye:

This reply to your letter of 28 May is somewhat delayed due to my being away from the office last week. Your kind remarks concerning my new assignment are appreciated, and as you can imagine, I am eager to assume the command.

The presentation of the flags of the Cruiser MINIMAPOLIS to that city sounds like an excellent means of cementing relations between the U.S. Navy and the city of Minne-apolis.

For your information, the Navy has been unfortunate in having two accidents in the civilian domain of Minneapolis. Needless to say, these mishaps have done nothing to endear the Navy to the people of Minnesota.

I hope you have an enjoyable time in Minneapolis and wish to thank you for personal effort expended to enhance the prestige of the Navy.

Sincerely yours,

E.B. TAYLOR

Rear Admiral, U.S. NAVY Chief of Information



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MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL

June 27, 1957

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates Naval War College Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

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We could meet you at the Leamington Hotel about 4:30 P.M. on the 19th and drive you out to the Minikahda Club, which is only just several blocks from the Calhoun Beach Hotel where your dinner engagement is scheduled. At Minikahda Club members of the Navy League and their wives together with officers and their wives from the Naval Air Base would have an opportunity to meet you over cocktails for about an hour prior to your dinner meeting at the Calhoun Beach

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Hoping that your schedule will permit of your attending our cocktail reception and with our sincere regards, we are

Sincerely yours,

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE U. S.

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COMMANDANT

NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

28 JUN 1957

RADM R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.) Naval War College Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Pates:

I am very pleased that you were able to accept the invitation to go to Minneapolis for their Aquatennial celebration. I feel sure that you will enjoy your visit there.

I have asked Commander R. M. Van Horn, Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Training Center in Minneapolis to answer your questions about the celebration. He is right there and will be able to give you the most accurate answers.

Thank you for coming out here. The appearance of a former Commanding Officer of the MINNEAPOLIS will give our public relations a boost in the city and, as I said, I'm sure you'll enjoy yourself.

Since ely,

E. P. FORRESTEL
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy

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29 June 1957

Dear Admiral Bates:

We are anticipating your visit to the Twin Cities with great pleasure. Hiawatha's Warriors appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and to cooperate with our very fine local Navy League Council.

We will pick you up in a large aircraft, large enough for you to be confortable and large enough to carry whatever gear you wish to bring along. The pick-up point will be the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island, and we would like to be ready to depart in time to arrive back here in the Twin Cities by 1500 local time which means that we should leave Quonset Point at approximately 8:00 o'clock in the morning of Friday, the 19th. This will give you plenty of time to get squared away in your hotel accommodations at the Leamington and spruced up for the cocktail party which the Navy League is giving in your honor at the Minikahda Country Club before going on to the Queen's Review Banquet.

You will need white uniforms, at least two. Three would be wise. You never can tell what is liable to happen and how hot it can get. When it gets hot here, it is also muggy. Wear a lightweight khaki uniform while traveling in the aircraft and bring some sports clothes in case you should want to play golf. Bring your golf bags.

As Grand Marshall of the Aquatennial Parade, it would be most appropriate if you wore large medals, your sword and carried white gloves. You will be riding in an open automobile, probably escorted by some gorgeous Queen.

For the Navy League cocktail party and Queen's Review Banquet, service dress white is the proper uniform. There will be plenty of room in the aircraft so that your uniforms can be hung up if they are covered properly to keep off the dust.

The Leamington Hotel is the best place for you to stay because of its central location and its better conveniences. We will see that you have whatever transportation is required although I expect the Aquatennial to take care of this matter. Our BOQ, we think, is adequate but it is five miles from the center of activities and I think you will enjoy yourself more at the Leamington.

You won't be called on to make much of a speech at the Queen's Review Banquet. I understand that you are attending some sort of a lunch on Saturday at which you will be called on for some remarks up to fifteen or twenty minutes. I'm not too familiar with this so cannot give you any hints. If convenient to you, we would like to arrange your transportation for a return trip on Sunday morning, to leave here about 8:00 o'clock; however, in case you are in a hurry, we could depart Saturday afternoon. Just let us know what you want, Admiral, and we will take care of it.

Very sincerely yours.

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